

REMARKS

On April 6, 2010, Applicants' representative called Examiner McCaig to determine if the present amendment to claim 1 would be entered if filed as an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 or if a Request for Continued Examination would be necessary to gain entry of the proposed amendment. The Examiner indicated that an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 should be sufficient.

Claim 1 is amended to state that the recited weight percentage of carbon is "on the basis of the catalyst", rather than in terms of a "respective oxide" on the basis of the catalyst. Thus, the basis for the weight percentage of carbon is being corrected. Support for this amendment is found at, for example, page 23, lines 16-17 of the present specification. The corrected basis for the recited weight percentage of carbon in claim 1 is also consistent with the basis for the carbon amount recited in claim 4.

No question of new matter is presented.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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